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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: November 10, 1995  
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POLREP No.: POLREP 3  
Reporting Period: November 4 through 10, 1995  
Site No.: VE  
Delivery Order No.: 5001-05-377 Smith Environmental  
Response Authority: CERCLA Removal Action (Time Critical)  
CERCLIS No.: Not Applicable  
NPL Status: Not on the NPL  
State Notification: IEPA Notified  
Action Memorandum Status: Approved  
Start Date: October 17, 1995

**Site Information:**

The North Shore Group site is an abandoned 4-story building containing scattered containers of pesticides and solvents (see polrep 1 for more detailed information).

**Current Situation:**

Removal activities continued throughout this reporting period. Weather conditions throughout this reporting period: 28° to 40°F, clear, sunny, and windy for the early part of this week. Snow flurries Thursday morning. Warming to near 60°F Friday with heavy rain and thunderstorms throughout the day.

**Removal Activities To Date:**

During this reporting period, inventorying of chemicals in the basement was completed with several large containers being removed from the basement to the 1st floor for staging and sampling. Approximately 500 small containers were staged in the basement for eventual lab-packing. All remaining containers on floors 1-4 that were found by the crew were staged on the first floor for sampling. Approximately 300 small containers were segregated into lab-pack groups (solids/liquids/aerosols) as was done in the basement. A mobile fume hood was moved to the site and a field lab was prepared in a room isolated from the hot zone for hazard categorization of sampled wastes by the ERCS Chemist. Security continued at the site during off-hours.

**Enforcement:**

The owners and operators of the North Shore site have been located and will be served Notice Letters and 104(e) information request letters.

**Planned Removal Activities:**

See POLREP 1.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue staging, inventorying, and overpacking appropriately all containers of hazardous material.
- Continue sampling and categorizing unknown materials.
- Dispose of all hazardous material.
- Sample, empty, and (if appropriate) remove underground storage tanks.
- Continue off-hours armed security.

**Key issues:**

Large quantities of asbestos remain in the building and will have to be removed prior to demolition. The City of Chicago will remove the asbestos material prior to building demolition.

**Cost Information:**

	<u>Costs To Date</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
ERCS Contractor	\$119,971*	\$200,000
TAT Contractor	\$ 13,643**	\$ 17,500
U.S. EPA	\$ 10,043**	\$ 25,000

\* as of November 7, 1995

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